वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री आर.एल. जालप्पा) : (क) से (ग) वस्त्र मिल आधुनिकीकरण योजना नामक कोई योजना नहीं है । जहां तक पटसन मिल आधुनिकीकरण निधि का संबधं है, इसे 31-3-95 को समाप्त किया गया था ।

(घ) और (ड.) वस्त्र मिल पटसन उद्योग के प्रौद्योगिकी उन्नयन को सुकर बनाने के लिए एक प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन है । इसका अभीष्ट उद्देश्य इसे निर्यात बाजार सहित और प्रतिस्पर्धा बनाने के लिए भारतीय वस्त्र उद्योग का उत्पादन तथा उत्पादकता में सुधार करना है । प्रस्ताव के ब्यौरे तैयार किए जो रहें है ।

Cotton Ginning/Pressing Factories in Gujarat

920. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state;

(a) the number of cotton ginning and pressing factories functioning at present in Gujarat;

(b) whether Government are providing any financial incentive to these factories for improving their general standards of ginning and pressing in order to control contamination of cottion;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what other measures are being cotemplated for improving and upgradation of cotton at the initial stages at the factories of the State?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R L JALAPPA): (a) the total number of cotton ginning and pressing factories located and functioning at present in Gujarat is given below:

No.	In Private Sector	In Co-operative Sector	Total
Ginning Factories	858	120	978
Single Roller	11326	4124	1545
Double Roller	772	404	10
Saw Ginning	2	8	10
Pressing Fact	135	60	195

(b) and (c) While the National Cooperative Development Corporation, Small Industries Development Bank of India, Gujarat State Financial Corporation and Nationalised Banks have Schemes of giving loans to the ginning and pressing factories for modernisation, the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has also taken various measures to improve the general standard of ginning and pressing and gradation of cotton in the country including the State of Gujarat. Financial Assistance provided by CCI to the ginning and pressing units in Gujarat by way of incentives during the 1995-96 and 1996-97 is shown below:-

Year	Incentives Paid (Rs. in lakhs)
1995-96	29.74
1996-97	34.15

(d) The Government in the Ministry of Agriculure is considering a proposal to set up a Technology Mission for Cotton Development to address the problem of low productivity of cotton and related issues including ginning and pressing in a coordinated an focussed manner in the cotton growing states. Details of the Missions are being worked out.

Transfer and posting policy in NTC (Market Division)

921. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of employees working in National Textiles Corporation (Marketing Division), SCOPE Complex, New Delhi have been working in the same Branch/Division and attending to the same work for more than five years even after their promotion;

(b) if so, what is the justification for retaining them in the same Division/Branch for more than five years;

(c) what is the transfer policy/posting policy adopted by the office of the NTC, SCOPE Complex, New Delhi; and

(d) how does the NTC, ensures that the officers/staff are transferred/posted from one to another division/branch without any exception in order to enhance the efficiency?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) and (b) It is a fact that some employees are working in the Marketing Division of NTC (HO even after their promotion. It has been considered necessary to retain their services in Marketing Division in the interest of efficiency, keeping in view the